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BILOXI MAN SENTENCED FOR OIL SPILL FRAUD

Gulfport, Miss. – Thanh Van Nguyen, 46, of Biloxi, was sentenced by U. S. District Judge Sul Ozerden to 16 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release for mail fraud in connection with the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, U.S. Attorney Gregory K. Davis announced today. Nguyen was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$171,577.92 and perform 100 hours of community service.

Nguyen admitted that he carried out a scheme to defraud the BP Gulf Coast Claims Facility by making a false claim for damages, alleging that he lost earnings and profits from his Ocean Springs business, TN Dollar Partnership, as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill when, in fact, the business was closed and not operational at the time of the oil spill.

This case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrea Jones.

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